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In re the application of: Winfried Edelmann *et al.*

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COMPOUNDS WHICH MODULATE THE
ACTIVITY OF MSH5 (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2002 (Paper No. 8) which issued in the above-identified application. A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the specification as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 22, without prejudice, and amend claims 13, 23 and 29 as follows:

13. **(Amended)** A method for identifying a candidate compound useful as a contraceptive, comprising:

a) contacting MSH5 with a test compound;